

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 9-15 are pending. Claims 9, 11 and 13 are independent. Claim 9, 11, 13 and 15 are hereby amended.

II. RESPONSE TO CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 9, 11 and 13 are hereby amended, thereby obviating the claim objections.

As claims 9, 11 and 13 have been amended, Applicants respectfully request the objections to claims 10, 12, 14 and 15, which depend on claims 9, 11 and 13, respectively, be withdrawn.

III. RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFICATION

i) In the Specification, paragraphs [0002], [0007], [0038], [0039] and [0041] of Applicants' corresponding published application are hereby amended, and claims 9, 11 and 13 are hereby amended, thereby obviating the objections to Specification.

ii) Regarding to objections to paragraph [0012] of Applicants' corresponding published application, the Office Action (see page 4) asserts that the list of steps includes two step (a)'s but not a step (b). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Paragraphs [0011]-[0012] of Applicants' corresponding published application are reproduced as follows:

[0011] A recording medium of the present invention records a program for making a host machine having an interface capable of data input/output execute the program **which includes (a) a step of detecting** a detection signal indicating that a terminal of a portable memory device is connected to the interface **and (b) a step of executing** a program in a reproduction program data for reproducing at least one of image data and audio data stored in the memory device, in response to the detection signal.

[0012] According to an embodiment of the present invention, if the host machine stores at least one of the image data and audio data and the reproduction program data and the execution program data **before the step (a)**, the host machine is made to execute **before the step (a)** a step (c) of outputting at least one of the image data and audio data to the memory device and a step (d) of controlling to output the reproduction program data and execution program data to the memory device at the same time as, during or after the step (c), in the state that the terminal of the memory device is connected to the interface. Accordingly, as a user outputs the image data and the like to the host machine, the reproduction program data and execution program data can also be output to the host machine without user recognition. Therefore, for example, if the memory device stores a program for automatically or manually installing these program data in the host machine, the following process can be executed. Namely, when a user desires to view the image and the like stored in the memory device on an apparatus other than the host machine, the install program can be executed to install the reproduction program and execution program in the other apparatus, in response to that the other apparatus detects a connection of the terminal of the memory device to an interface. It is therefore convenient in that the other apparatus can read and reproduce the image data and the like stored in the memory device.

Thus, Applicants submit that in paragraph [0011] **a detecting step (a) and an executing step (b)** are described. Paragraph [0012] describes that **if the host machine stores** at least one of the image data and audio data and the reproduction program data and the execution program data **before the step (a)**, the host machine is made to execute an outputting step (c) **before the step (a)**. Thus, it is not necessary to include a step (b) in paragraph [0012].

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the objections to paragraph [0012] of Applicants' corresponding published application be withdrawn.

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9, 11, 13 and 15 are hereby amended, thereby obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112.

As claims 9, 11 and 13 have been amended, Applicants respectfully request the rejection to claims 10, 12, 14 and 15, which depend on claims 9, 11 and 13, respectively, be withdrawn.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 9-15 are allowable.

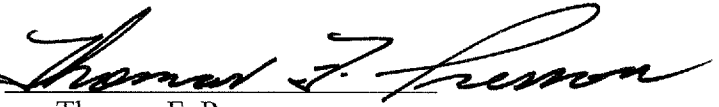
CONCLUSION

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Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance
and request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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